

**Facilities Updates**  
**Kentucky School for the Blind**  
**And**  
**Kentucky School for the Deaf**

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The KSB Local Facilities Plan (LFP) that was approved by the KBE in December 2004 has been included in its entirety as one of the capital project line items in the Kentucky Department of Education biennium budget request. The sum of the request is \$13,970,000. Any action on the request by the General Assembly will not be known until completion of the current session.

Recent Physical Improvements out of **Capital Outlay** include:

- A state-of-the-art fire alarm system.
- Security cameras installed and being fully utilized.
- Completion of new playground equipment that meets current safety codes and is handicapped accessible.
- Completion of the Science Lab Safety Project (improved ventilation, emergency cut-off system, and installation of emergency shower).
- Completion of signage that improves building identification on the KSB campus.
- Installation of new carpet in Howser Dormitory, Richie Music Building, and McDaniel Classroom Building.
- Completion of painting dorm rooms in Howser Hall.
- Addition of automatic doors with scanner and central control features in two buildings.
- Ensuring that the technology hub is climate controlled.
- Relocation of the Kentucky Instructional Materials Resource Center to a building on campus that will provide easier access and additional space.
- Installation of new doors on walk-in freezers in the Hartford Food Service Center that will improve efficiency and comply with health department standards.
- Relocation of frozen food compressors to improve efficiency.

Recent Physical Improvements out of **Major Maintenance** include:

- Fire suppression system modified in the Hartford Food Service Center to meet current safety codes.
- Two industrial size domestic water heaters replaced in the Scoggan Classroom Building.
- Replacement of gutter and drywall in Howser Hall.
- Improvements to the security of the technology hub.
- Several valves replaced and control adjustments made to improve efficiency of the heating and cooling systems throughout campus.

## **Kentucky School for the Deaf**

During the 2005 session of the General Assembly, The Kentucky Department of Education was authorized to change funding from a previously approved project on the KSD campus to provide funding for the first phase of the KSD Local Facilities Plan that was approved by the Kentucky Board of Education in December 2004. The architectural firm of Lockett and Farley was awarded the contract to begin implementation of the first part of the plan. Phase one of the work was to include renovation of Kerr and Brady Halls. This work is currently in the first phase of design and is expected to be ready for construction in the summer of 2006. The balance of the work in the KSD Local Facilities Plan has been included as one of the capital project line items in the Kentucky Department of Education biennium budget request. The sum of the request is \$12,210,000. Any action on the request by the General Assembly will not be known until completion of the current session.

Recent Physical Improvements out of **Capital Outlay** include:

- Installation of a closed-circuit television security system in Brady Hall, Thomas Gym, and Middleton Hall (in progress).
- Completion of upgraded visual alarm security system for fire, intruder, and weather alerts in Middleton Hall, Thomas Gym, and Brady Hall.
- Completion of new signage on Walker Hall to reflect location of the Early Learning Station for pre-school students.
- Completion of bathroom renovation project in the dormitory area of Brady Hall.
- Completion of new roof for Kerr Hall.
- Completion of new roof for Grow Hall.
- Assignment of engineer to analyze and make recommendation regarding replacement of environmental heating unit in pool area of Thomas Gym.

Recent Physical Improvements out of **Major Maintenance** include:

- Completion of campus tree removal project to improve safety.
- Completion of interior painting project in Lee Hall.
- Completion of boiler refurbishment project in the steam plant to improve efficiency.
- Completion of elevator upgrade in Brady hall.
- Completion of HVAC system replacement in Kerr Hall.
- Replace/upgrade water heater in Middleton Hall (in progress).
- Upgrade external electrical stations to improve efficiency and prevent disruptions in electrical feeds (in progress).
- Completion of HVAC compressor replacement to improve efficiency.
- Completion of HVAC compressors in Walker Hall to improve efficiency.
- Completion of interior painting project in Middleton Hall.
- Completion of water valve replacement project in swimming pool in Thomas Gym to improve efficiency.

Recent Physical Improvements out of the **Operational Budget** include:

- Completion of replacement of underground electrical cable.
- Completion of playground equipment removal project.
- Completion of relocation of technology hub to larger space to implement better climate control.